

Lahontan Regional Water Quality Control Board

**MINUTES**

**June 19-20, 2013**

**Regular Meeting**

Lee Vining Community Center  
296 Mattly Ave  
Lee Vining, CA 93541

**Board Members Present**

Peter C. Pumphrey, Chair, Bishop  
Amy Horne, Ph.D., Truckee  
Don Jardine, Markleeville  
Keith Dyas, Rosamond  
Eric Sandel, Truckee

**Board Member Absent**

None

**Legal Counsel**

Kimberly Niemeyer, Office of Chief Counsel, State Water Resources Control Board

**State Board Staff Present**

Cris Carrigan, Director, Office of Enforcement, State Water Resources Control Board

**Regional Board Staff Present**

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer  
Lauri Kemper, Assistant Executive Officer  
Charles Curtis, Supervising WRCE  
Douglas Smith, Sup. Engineering Geologist  
Mike Plaziak, Sup. Engineering Geologist  
Alan Miller, Senior WRCE  
Scott Ferguson, Senior WRCE

Richard Booth, Senior Engineering Geologist  
Jan Zimmerman, Engineering Geologist  
Richard Booth, Senior Engineering Geologist  
Bruce Warden, Environmental Scientist  
Robert Larsen, Staff Environmental Scientist  
Doug Cushman, Senior WRCE  
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant, Board Clerk

**Wednesday, June 19, 2013 - 1:30 p.m.**

Mono Lake Basin Presentation and Tour

Members of the Board, Water Board Staff, and the Public viewed a video presentation at the Mono Lake Committee office and then proceed with a driving tour to three stops: Old Marina, Grant Lake reservoir spillway, and Mono Gate One Return Ditch. Topics covered were: history of Mono Lake water issues, Caltrans Rockfall project, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power Infrastructure and potential changes in stream flow management and the State/Regional Water Board processes.

PETER C. PUMPHREY, CHAIR | PATTY Z. KOUYOUMDJIAN, EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## **REGULAR MEETING**

### **Wednesday, June 19, 2013- 7:00 p.m.**

To view the full Agenda and listen to the audio file of this meeting [CLICK HERE](#)

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Chairman Pumphrey called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. on June 19, 2013, and introduced Board Members.

Patty Z. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, introduced Legal Counsel, State Water Board, and Water Board staff.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

### **1. Minutes**

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 13-14, 2013, held in Lake Arrowhead, CA.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Dyas, seconded by Mr. Sandel, and **unanimously carried** to adopt minutes as presented. Note: Dr. Horne abstained from voting as she was absent at the March Meeting.

Click here to view the adopted [March 2013 Minutes](#)

## **REPORTS**

### **2. Executive Officer's Report**

Ms. Kouyoumdjian, Executive Officer, presented the [June Written Report](#) and gave additional updates on:

- The Mono Lake Committee was thanked for their informative presentation on water quality and water supply issues in the Mono Lake Basin.
- Staff traveled down to the Bridgeport Valley in May to offer permit assistance to the ranchers Doug Cushman, Bruce Worden and Doug Smith were commended for their assistance.
- Daryl Gomez joined our South Lake Tahoe Office as an Office Assistant and will help both the Victorville and Lake Tahoe Offices. The Regional Board is seeking applications for two Engineering Geologists positions in the Victorville Office.
- Item 15 on the Consent Calendar was discussed, including local governments and staff efforts working through the individual implementation challenges. Three key points were mentioned about the item:
  1. The Pollutant Load Reduction Plans before the Board are an important step in complying with the Municipal NPDES Permit;
  2. All three local plans comply with permit requirements; and
  3. Most importantly, the Plans provide a roadmap for reducing pollutant loading to Lake Tahoe and documenting progress at achieving our TMDL goals.

- Key projects initiated by the City of Lake Tahoe, Placer County, and El Dorado County were discussed.
- Three updates regarding the PG&E Compressor Station Chromium 6 Cleanup were summarized. The Water Supply Panel hosted by the Regional Board at the Hinkley School, on Wednesday evening May 22 was a very successful local community meeting and the water experts provided some great information to the public. A second public meeting was held on June 6, to walk the community through the final EIR for the Hinkley Compressor Station Cleanup. At the July Board meeting a separate agenda item on Hinkley remediation updates will be presented. It will start with the staff presentation; followed by an update from PG&E. The presentation will then end with an update from the CAC

Reports by the Board:

Mr. Sandel informed the Board that the North Tahoe Public Utility District's Board has authorized the complete rebuilding of the Dollar Sewer Pump Station.

Mr. Jardine participated in the June 10 Chair's Teleconference and reported that the upcoming WQCC Agenda is being prepared. During the "Hot Topics" portion of the teleconference, Mr. Jardine shared the Hinkley Water Panel Meeting and the completion of the Final Hinkley EIR. Additionally, Mr. Jardine shared Item 15 from the June Agenda regarding the activities of the Enforcement Sub-Committee and the excellent job staff has done.

Chairman Pumphrey gave an update from the March Chair's Meeting. The Governor's Office and EPA Representatives requested that Regional Boards work on resolving interagency conflicts and climate change issues outside of Board meetings. The Chair was happy that our Board is ahead of the curve on this request. The Sierra Water Summit took place June 11-13. From this three day meeting the take away message was that all Agencies need to work together on common goals.

3. **PUBLIC FORUM** None
4. **ADOPTION OF UNCONTESTED CALENDAR**

Note: An (\*) appears next to items adopted by the Board on the uncontested calendar.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Sandel, seconded by Dr. Horne and **unanimously carried** to adopt the uncontested calendar. Note: Mr. Dyas abstained from voting on Item 11 of the uncontested calendar as he is a former employee of the Columbian Chemicals Co.
5. \*Revocation of Waste Discharge Requirements and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit for City of Los Angeles Department of Water and Power for the Lower Owens River Project

\*See Item 4

Click here to view adopted [Investigative Order No. R6V-2013-0048](#)

6. \*Gray's Meadow Campground Wastewater Treatment Plant, Inyo County (Order No. 6-94-027)

\*See Item 4

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6V-2013-0031](#)

7. \*Methodist Camp Wrightwood; Wastewater Treatment Plant, San Bernardino County (Order No. 6-94-085)

\*See Item 4

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6V-2013-0032](#)

8. \*San Bernardino County Service Area No. 56 – Wrightwood, San Bernardino County (Order No. 6-76-038)

\*See Item 4

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6V-2013-0030](#)

9. \*Meadowbrook Dairy, San Bernardino County (R6V-2002-0024)

\*See Item 4

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6V-2013-0034](#)

10. \* Molycorp Minerals LLC; Wastewater Treatment Facility, San Bernardino County

\*See Item 4

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6V-2013-0033](#)

11. \*Columbian Chemicals Company, Mojave Plant No. 55, Kern County (Order No. 6-82-131)

\*See Item 4

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6V-2013-0035](#)

12. Consideration of Rescission of Cease and Desist Order No. R6V-2008-0005 for Victor Valley Wastewater Reclamation Authority; Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant, San Bernardino County

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Jardine, seconded by Mr. Sandel and **unanimously carried** to rescind Cease and Desist Order No. R6V-2008-0005.

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6V-2013-0037](#)

13. Consideration of Rescission of Cease and Desist Order No. R6V-2004-0038 and Amended Cease and Desist Order No. R6V-2004-0038-A1 for Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 14; Lancaster Water Reclamation Plant, Los Angeles County

- **Motion:** Moved by Dr. Horne, seconded by Mr. Jardine and **unanimously carried** to rescind Cease and Desist Order No. R6V-2004-0038 and Amended Cease and Desist Order No. R6V-2004-0038-A1.

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6V-2013-0036](#)

14. Consideration of Rescission Multiple Cease and Desist Orders for Dischargers within the Spalding Tract Subdivision, Eagle Lake Basin, Lassen County

- **Motion:** Moved by Dr. Horne, seconded by Mr. Sandel and **unanimously carried** to rescind Multiple Cease and Desist Orders for Dischargers within the Spalding Tract Subdivision.

Click here to view adopted [Board Order No. R6T-2013-0049](#)

15. \*Pollutant Load Reduction Plans for the City of South Lake Tahoe, El Dorado County, and Placer County

\*See Item 4

Click here to view adopted [Resolution No. R6T-2013-0050](#)

16. \*United States Forest Service-Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, Angora Fire Trails and Stream Environment Zone Restoration Project

\*See Item 4

Click here to view adopted [Resolution No. R6T-2013-0047](#)

17. \*Snow Creek Stream Environment Zone Restoration and Recreation Trail Project, Placer County Department of Public Works - Exemption to a Waste Discharge Prohibition Contained in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region

\*See Item 4

Click here to view adopted [Resolution No. R6T-2013-0052](#)

18. \*Truckee River Legacy Trail Phase 3B Project, Town of Truckee - Exemption to a Waste Discharge Prohibition Contained in the Water Quality Control Plan for the Lahontan Region, Nevada County

\*See Item 4

Click here to view adopted [Resolution No. R6T-2013-0054](#)

19. Resolution Requesting the State Water Resources Control Board Grant Funding for the Squaw Valley Public Service District's Squaw Creek / Aquifer Interaction Study Phase II, Olympic Valley, Placer County

Mr. Charles Curtis, Supervising WRCE, gave a power point presentation on the history of the project and outlined the Resolution before the Board. Mr. Mike Geary, representing the Squaw Valley Public Service District, addressed the Board and urged them to approve the Resolution.

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Jardine, seconded by Dr. Horne to **deny the Resolution** and the **motion carried** per the following votes:

AYE: Dr. Horne, Mr. Jardine, Mr. Pumphrey

NAY: Mr. Dyas, Mr. Sandel

**Note: the Board took a break from 9:25 – 9:37 p.m.**

20. Discussion of Lahontan Water Board Enforcement Program

Mr. Scott Ferguson, Lahontan Water Board, and Mr. Cris Carigan, State Water Board, gave presentations and answered questions regarding the Enforcement Program. The Board gave direction to staff to continue working on their objectives through the Enforcement Sub-Committee and bring the Item back to the Board in October. Dr. Horne expressed interest in consulting with staff independently on Supplemental Environmental Project funding.

21. Vice-Chair Election

- **Motion:** Moved by Mr. Sandel, seconded by Mr. Jardine and **unanimously carried** to elect Dr. Horne as the Vice Chair.

**22. CLOSED SESSION\*\***

The Board recessed into Closed Session June 19, 2013, from 10:05 – 10:20 p.m. to discuss matters related to personnel. There were no reportable actions.

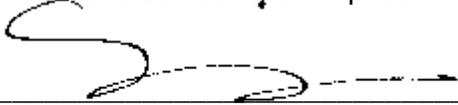
**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:21 p.m. on June 19, 2013.

**Thursday, June 20, 2013 - 10:00 a.m.**

**Bridgeport Valley Ranches Tour**

Members of the Board, Water Board Staff, and the Public visited various ranches within the Bridgeport Valley and viewed example water quality best management practices (BMPs) that have been installed and learned about plans for future BMPs.

Prepared by:  Adopted: July 17, 2013  
Sue Genera, Executive Assistant